GILDA’S CLUB NEW YORK CITY
Annual Benefit Gala

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Welcome
Bill Ritter
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Opening Remarks
Lily Safani
CEO

The Many Faces of Gilda’s Club NYC

Dinner

Gilda’s Club NYC Member
Cynthia Vega

Live Auction
Lydia Wickliffe Fenet
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Awards Presentation

Red Door Award for Innovation
 CVSH ealth
Accepted by
Elizabeth Ferguson
Deputy General Counsel
Presented by Laura Bartlett
GCNYC Board Chair & Gala Co-Chair

Advances in Cancer Research Award
Andrew Plump, M.D., Ph.D.
Chief Medical and Scientific Officer
Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited
Presented by Mark J. Alles
GCNYC Honorary Director & Gala Co-Chair

Closing Remarks

After Party
November 8, 2018

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to join you in celebrating Gilda’s Club’s annual benefit gala.

For 23 years, Gilda’s Club has provided free cancer support to New Yorkers—serving as a center of generosity and kindness for those diagnosed with cancer and their loved ones. In New York City, more than 40,000 people are newly diagnosed with cancer every year. Those diagnoses turn lives upside down, and patients and those around them need information, resources, and support. That’s just what Gilda’s Club offers.

On behalf of the Borough of Manhattan, I thank you for all you do for New Yorkers impacted by cancer. I wish you all the best in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Gale A. Brewer
Manhattan Borough President
November 8, 2018

Dear Friends:

As Speaker of the New York City Council, I’m happy to extend my warmest greetings to everyone gathered here tonight for Gilda’s Club NYC’s 23rd Annual Benefit Gala!

Every day, our city’s nonprofits are on the ground in our communities, delivering vital services to New Yorkers and their families and working tirelessly to help ensure that our city remains a place of hope and opportunity for all.

And while these nonprofits are as diverse and dynamic as the City itself, they are bound by a common commitment: bettering the lives of those who call this city “home”.

That’s a commitment that the City Council and I are proud to share, and I would like to thank Gilda’s Club and its dedicated team for the critically important work they are doing to help improve and empower the lives of those affected by cancer, particularly here in my district. Our city is a stronger, better place, thanks to organizations like theirs, and we’re deeply grateful for their service.

Congratulations as well to this year’s honorees.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time tonight! Enjoy!

Sincerely,

COREY JOHNSON
Speaker
A Message from our CEO

Dear Friends of Gilda’s Club New York City,

Gilda’s Club has been providing free cancer support for 23 years and we have much to celebrate – our continued growth in revenue, in the services we offer, and the number of New Yorkers we touch who are impacted by a cancer diagnosis and their families and loved ones. Most of all, we are celebrating our community who not only supports us, but inspires us to do more every year for the people we serve.

Tonight we are honored to present two awards –

- **The Red Door Award for Innovation to CVSHealth** for its commitment to its customers in quality health care products and services and for discontinuing the sale of cigarettes, a leading cause of lung cancer.

- **The Advances in Cancer Research Award to Andrew Plump, M.D., Ph.D. Chief Medical and Scientific Officer, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company, Limited** for his leadership role in the development of treatments that have helped to improve the lives of cancer patients.

Great progress has been made in recent years in the treatment of cancer but in spite of this, cancer is still one of the leading causes of death in the United States. One out of two men and one out of three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. We cannot underestimate the impact a cancer diagnosis has on an individual and their family members. Nor underestimate the important role our organization plays in helping to mitigate the overwhelming fear and anxiety that comes with a cancer diagnosis. It is our **free** comprehensive program of support, education, and our community of caring that empowers our members to live their life to the fullest, whatever the outcome.

**At Gilda’s Club we believe that no one should face cancer alone.** We are grateful for your support, tonight, because we know it will go a long way to ensure that more people will not have to face cancer alone. And, we thank you for being an important member of our special community.

Sincerely,

Lily Safani
CEO
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the board, staff and members of Gilda’s Club New York City, we welcome you tonight to celebrate our 23rd anniversary of serving the New York cancer community.

At Gilda’s Club we believe no one should face cancer alone. Our mission is to support, educate and empower cancer patients and their families – 100% free of charge. Our comprehensive cancer program offers support groups, educational lectures and healthy lifestyle workshops for everyone impacted by cancer – men, women, teens, and children. Each year we reach 25,000 cancer patients and their family members.

Our Signature Gala plays an important role in supporting our organization and helping us to reach more individuals who are touched by cancer each year. Every year, the need for our program continues to significantly grow – especially in the underserved communities of New York where morbidity rates for cancer are higher and accessibility to cancer care is often limited. Your generous support this evening will help to make a difference in the lives of individuals living with cancer and help us continue to fulfill our mission free of charge.

This year we are pleased to honor, Andrew Plump, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical and Scientific Officer, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited with the Advances in Cancer Research Award and CVSHealth with the Red Door Award for Innovation.

We thank you, our dedicated supporters, for helping to ensure that Gilda’s Club continues to serve New Yorkers living with cancer. You are truly making a difference for our special community.

Sincerely,

Laura Bartlett    Mark J. Alles
Chairman, Board of Directors  Honorary Director
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From Our Gala Co-Chairs
Our Community of Caring

At Gilda’s Club we know what it means to be diagnosed with cancer - for both the patient and everyone in their life. It is our Community of Caring that helps everyone who walks through our signature Red Door at our beautiful Clubhouse or attends our Gilda Comes To You program at our partner hospitals in New York City. There is one thing they can be sure of – they will no longer have to face cancer alone.

Margie:
I came to Gilda’s because I didn’t know anyone that was going through cancer or had been through cancer. My family and friends were and have been supportive but I needed to be understood. Gilda’s Club is a safe haven.

Harvey:
Anyone who is diagnosed with cancer – I don’t care what the age is – it affects you emotionally like you can’t believe. My friends at Gilda’s Club better understand what I’m going through, how I’m dealing with it. I don’t know how I could have survived without Gilda’s Club.
Last year 12,000 New Yorkers touched by cancer were served through our **Community of Caring**. And they never had to worry about how much it cost ... because it is **100% free of charge**. Every support group, every lecture, every workshop and every social event is free, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

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**Lilliana & Catalina:**
The first word that comes to mind when I think of Gilda’s Club is joy, and the joy that I see through my child. She’s here bouncing and talking and being a little silly, but that’s part of her joy of being part of a community that understands her; with people that have gone through similar situations and kids that have been in similar situations.

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**Laurie:**
When I was diagnosed, I knew I needed a support group because my head was spinning with information overload. Now my weekly Wellness Group is support, comfort and family. **We encourage each other every step of the way.**

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**The Need for Our Services**

By **2022** there will be a **30%** increase in cancer survivors

By **2030** the incidence of cancer will increase by **40%**

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**Margarita:**
The group that I’m in (at Kings County Hospital Center), a lot of the people are not from here – they came from different countries and they are only here because of the treatments. And some of them really don’t have ways to pay for this service. **And thank God this is going on because a lot of people would not be able to take advantage of this.**

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Footnote: From latest Institute of Medicine Report *Delivering High-quality Cancer Care: Charting a New Course for A System In Crisis*
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Elizabeth Ferguson is the Deputy General Counsel for CVS Health. Her role spans the CVS Health enterprise, with oversight of legal and regulatory matters related to CVS Pharmacy’s retail pharmacies, the Minute Clinic clinics and Omnicare long term care pharmacies. She also has responsibility for CVS Health’s litigation, investigations, anti-trust, risk management, intellectual property, real estate, environmental and workplace safety practice areas. She most recently has been in charge of obtaining the regulatory approvals for CVS Health’s acquisition of Aetna. She has provided a leadership role in CVS’s fight against the opioid epidemic. Prior to joining CVS Health, she was a Senior Vice President & Assistant General Counsel at Medco Health Solutions. She was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey for 9 years and worked as a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Ms. Ferguson clerked for the Honorable Dolores K. Sloviter on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. She graduated from Michigan Law School, cum laude, and Smith College, where she received her A.B., cum laude, in physics and economics, with honors in physics.

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Advances in Cancer Research Award

Andrew Plump, M.D., Ph.D.
Chief Medical and Scientific Officer
Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

Andrew Plump, M.D., Ph.D., joined Takeda as Chief Medical and Scientific Officer (CMSO) in 2015. Dr. Plump also serves as a member of the company’s Board of Directors. In his current position, he leads Takeda’s global Research & Development organization, responsible for advancing a portfolio of transformative new medicines from early research through late-stage development, to regulatory approval.

Dr. Plump leads a modern, world-class R&D organization focused on three therapeutic areas —gastroenterology, neuroscience and oncology, plus vaccines— and is fully committed to addressing unmet patient need through the delivery of transformative medicines. He spearheads Takeda’s innovation agenda, including the development of new capabilities, modality diversification and a partnership-focused collaborative R&D model. Under Dr. Plump’s leadership, Takeda has achieved a number of R&D successes, including 17 asset stage ups in FY2017 (compared with five in FY2016) and 56 new partnerships in FY2017.

Prior to Takeda, Dr. Plump served as Senior Vice President, Research & Translational Medicine, Deputy to the President of R&D at Sanofi where he was responsible for global research and translational medicine across all therapeutic areas.

Dr. Plump also spent more than 10 years at Merck in a Clinical Pharmacology group, working on programs in neurodegeneration, immunology, metabolism and infectious diseases. He ultimately assumed the role of Vice President, Worldwide Cardiovascular (CV) Research Head.

Dr. Plump received his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), his doctorate in cardiovascular genetics with Dr. Jan Breslow from the Rockefeller University and his bachelor’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Medical Genetics at UCSF. Following his clinical training, Dr. Plump continued his scientific training in neuroscience as a Howard Hughes and Stanley J. Sarnoff postdoctoral fellow, with Dr. Marc Tessier-Lavigne, concurrently assuming faculty responsibilities as an Adjunct Clinical Instructor in the Department of Medical Genetics.
Bill Ritter joined “20/20” as a correspondent in November 1997. He joined ABC News in 1993. He has been host of “Good Morning America/Sunday” and a correspondent on “Good Morning America.” In 1998 Ritter was named weekend anchor of WABC-TV in New York. In 1999 he was named 11:00 p.m. anchor of ABC’s flagship owned and operated station, and in 2001 he took over the 6:00 p.m. newscast as well.

Ritter has covered dozens of important news stories for a variety of ABC News programs, including the murder of 8 year old Leiby Kletzky in Brooklyn, mob attacks and alleged sexual assault of young women in Manhattan’s Central Park following the Puerto Rican Day Parade, shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado, the death of Princess Diana, the crash of TWA Flight 800, the criminal and civil trials of O.J. Simpson and the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing.


Ritter served as chairman of Crash, Inc., a non-profit drug education and prevention organization in San Diego, from 1980 to 1990, and was on the San Diego State University Business School advisory board in 1984 and 1985. He attended San Diego State University, majoring in accounting and economics.
As Senior Vice President, Global Director of Strategic Partnerships at Christie’s, Lydia Fenet leads a global team forging significant collaborations with other luxury brands. Building on her fifteen-plus-year career at the historic auction house, Ms. Fenet pioneered the Strategic Partnerships program at Christie’s in 2010, leveraging skills sharpened both as Special Events Director from 2004-2010 and during her time on Christie’s Client Advisory team. Under Ms. Fenet’s purview, innovative brand partnerships have grown into a valuable marketing and business development platform for Christie’s and its partners, producing dynamic co-branded initiatives worldwide. These initiatives include major exhibitions, special events, and targeted digital activations.

Since leading her first auction in 2001, Ms. Fenet has become Christie’s Global Head of Benefit Auctioneering and the top performer in the field, raising hundreds of millions of dollars for some of the largest non-profit organizations around the world and training Christie’s new classes of charity auctioneers. Some of her recent auctions include The Clinton Foundation, AMFAR, Tipping Point, the Naples Winter Wine Festival and The Bob Woodruff Foundation. In 2014 partnered with Glenn Close and Robert DeNiro to launch the Bring Change To Mind auction benefiting mental health.


Ms. Fenet graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree in both Art History and History from Sewanee - The University of the South. She currently resides in New York City with her husband and three children, Beatrice, Henry and Eloise.
Cynthia was born in New York, NY; however, her parents are from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. She attended Marymount Manhattan College and BMCC, majoring in Communication Arts and minoring in Theatre Arts. For the past 20 years she worked in retail – starting out as a cashier then moving up to Corporate Retail for a luxury brand as their After Sales Coordinator for the Americas.

She was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer (stage 4) in early September 2016 and has been receiving treatment since at NYU Langone Cancer Center. After learning about Gilda’s Club from a former co-worker, who had positive things to say about the organization, she became a member in September 2018. She attends a weekly wellness group and her daughter is part of our Teens Connect program and her son attends Noogieland.

Cynthia’s hobbies are traveling whenever possible, either discovering new locations in New York state or going to different countries. Loves to read, watch movies and go to restaurants with family and friends. She also enjoys spending family time with her children. Since her diagnosis she also volunteers to help with cancer events at her hospital.

She currently lives in Inwood, Manhattan, (it’s north of the island) with her two children, Madison age 15 and Matthew age 6.
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